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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Handling of Briefing Requests from Academic Groups

1. There are indications that current Agency procedures for handling briefing requests from academic groups are diverse and inconsistent. This situation is perhaps abetted by the absence of an explicit Agency policy expressed in Headquarters Regulations for the handling of this increasingly sensitive and important category of Agency contacts.

2. It is clear that well-conducted and frank discussions of the Agency and its general mission, and of the research, analysis, and estimative functions by high-ranking Agency officials contributes significantly to better understanding of the Agency and of intelligence, and opens new perspectives to university students contemplating their future careers. In the interest of general academic relations and to aid in attracting young men and women to careers in intelligence, procedures for Agency presentations to academic groups should be reviewed and refined.

3. The activities which can be discussed with university groups are primarily matters related to the responsibilities of the Directorate of Intelligence. For this reason I ask that you review the problem of the Agency's handling of briefing requests from academic groups and, after consulting with other interested components, recommend the actions necessary to establish clear and effective Agency policy and procedures.

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Remarks:

I would like you to review the Agency's handling of briefing requests from academic groups and, after consulting with other interested components, recommend the actions necessary to establish clear and effective Agency policies and procedures.

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